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## COUNCILLORS.

Chairman	-	-	-	-	W. H. JONES, J.P.
Vice-Chairman	-	-	-	-	S. R. HARRIS.

## WARDS.

### Cwmtillery.

G. R. SHINGLER.  
W. F. DEASY.  
J. J. THOMAS.  
L. V. HALE.  
R. BAKER.  
J. J. OWEN.

### Abertillery.

S. R. HARRIS.  
Mrs. H. GALE.  
J. TAYLOR.  
T. E. FAIRCLOUGH.  
W. J. ADAMS.

### Six Bells.

T. G. P. BYRNE.  
B. EVANS.  
E. SHEEHAN.

### Aberbeeg.

J. R. CLARKE.  
I. LEWIS.  
T. R. PRITCHARD.

### Llanhilleth.

W. H. JONES.  
R. C. R. ROWLANDS.  
T. F. LEADER.

**Day of Meeting—Last Monday in each Month,  
at 6 p.m.**

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Clerk of the Council	-	-	H. A. LEWIS.
Surveyor and Engineer	-	-	H. C. MASON.
Accountant and Treasurer	-	-	R. L. ENGLAND.

# PUBLIC HEALTH AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

*The Committee consists of all Members of the Council.*

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J. R. CLARKE, Chairman.  
Mrs. H. GALE, Vice-Chairman.

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**Day of Meeting—First Monday  
in each Month.**

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Medical Officer of Health	-	J. WALTERS BOWEN, M.B., B.CH., B.SC., D.P.H.
Chief Public Health Inspector and Housing Manager	-	- G. A. PARRY, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Public Health Inspector	-	- G. D. GRIFFITHS, M.A.P.H.I.
Public Health Inspector	-	- G. PERRY.
Rodent Officers	-	- L. JONES and R. C. LLOYD
Clerk	-	- S. E. B. HOWELLS.
Clerk	-	- L. GIBSON.

# Abertillery Urban District Council.

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Area of District	..	..	..	..	..	6464 acres
Rateable Value, December 31, 1970	..	..	..	..	..	£401,913
Net Product of 1d. Rate, 1970	..	..	..	..	..	£1556
(Decimal Equivalent)	..	..	..	..	..	£3734
Population (Estimated 1969)	..	..	..	..	..	22,610
Population (Estimated 1970)	..	..	..	..	..	22,350
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population, 1969	..	..	..	..	..	14.60
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population, 1970	..	..	..	..	..	12.7
Live Births, 1969	..	..	..	..	..	331
Live Births, 1970	..	..	..	..	..	283
Number of Deaths, 1969	..	..	..	..	..	320
Death Rate per 1,000 Population 1969	..	..	..	..	..	14.2
Number of Deaths, 1970	..	..	..	..	..	286
Death Rate per 1,000 Population, 1970..	..	..	..	..	..	12.8

# Abertillery Urban District Council.

## REPORT

OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE URBAN  
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ABERTILLERY FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1970.

*To the Chairman and Members of  
Abertillery Urban District Council.*

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Abertillery Urban District is situated in the Western Valleys of Monmouthshire, 13 miles north-west of Newport, and 20 miles south-west of Monmouth.

Its greatest length, north to south is  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles, while it varies in breadth, east to west, from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles. It has an area of  $10\frac{1}{4}$  square miles, being one of the largest Urban Districts in the County. The population is 22,350, and the rateable value is £401,913.

The estimated product of a penny rate is £1556.  
(Decimal Equivalent) £3734.

The Urban Area is divided into 5 wards :

**Ward 1. Llanhilleth**—This includes that part of Llanhilleth south-east of the Nant-Cuffin, with the portions of Crumlin and Hafodyrynys which are within the district. Members on Council, 3. Area, 894 acres. Estimated Electors, 2,625.

**Ward 2. Aberbeeg**—Comprises Aberbeeg and that portion of Llanhilleth N.W. of the Nant Cuffin. Members on Council, 3. Area, 927 acres. Estimated Electors, 2,340.

**Ward 3. Six Bells**—Comprises Warm Turn, Six Bells, and that portion of Abertillery south of Cwm Road and the Vivian Pit. Members on Council, 3. Area, 1,092 acres. Estimated Electors, 2,514.

**Ward 4. Abertillery**—Comprises the township of Abertillery, with the exception of the portions included in Wards 3 and 5. Members on Council, 5. Area, 1,151 acres. Estimated Electors, 3,621.

**Ward 5. Cwmtillery**—Consists of Cwmtillery with Penybont: Blaenau Gwent, and Brynteg. Members on Council, 6. Area, 2,400 acres. Estimated Electors, 5,098.

### Births.

	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966
Number of Births	283	331	329	349	366
Birth Rate per 1,000—					
Abertillery .. ..	12.7	14.6	14.30	14.50	15.50
England and Wales ..	16.0	16.3	16.9	17.2	17.65

The number of births registered locally during 1970 was 17 of which 10 were males and 7 females.

The number of births registered outside the district but belonging to the district was 266 of which 146 were males and 120 females.

The Grand total being 283.

Males .. 156.

Females .. 127.

The Registrar General's return of births is 283. Of this number 156 were males and 127 females.

The number of legitimate births was 148 males and 114 females.

The total number of illegitimate births from the Registrar General's return is 21 (8 males, 13 females).



## Causes of Death.

TABLE II.

<i>Causes of Death.</i> ALL CAUSES				M. 162	F. 124
1.	Late effects of Respiratory T.B.	..	..	2	—
2.	Malignant neoplasm, desophagus	..	..	1	1
3.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	..	..	3	2
4.	Malignant neoplasm, intestine	..	..	3	2
5.	Malignant neoplasm, Larynx	..	..	1	—
6.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	..	..	15	1
7.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	..	..	—	6
8.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	..	..	—	2
9.	Malignant neoplasm, prostate	..	..	3	—
10.	Leukaemia	..	..	1	—
11.	Other malignant neoplasms	..	..	10	3
12.	Diabetes mellitis	..	..	2	3
13.	Meningitis	..	..	1	—
14.	Multiple Sclerosis	..	..	—	1
15.	Other diseases of nervous system	..	..	1	1
16.	Chronic rheumatic heart disease	..	..	—	1
17.	Hypertensive disease	..	..	8	4
18.	Ischaemic Heart disease	..	..	40	23
19.	Other forms of heart disease	..	..	9	12
20.	Cerebrovascular Disease	..	..	21	20
21.	Other diseases of circulatory system	..	..	4	1
22.	Influenza	..	..	4	6
23.	Pneumonia	..	..	1	9
24.	Bronchitis and Emphysema	..	..	18	10
25.	Asthma	..	..	1	—
26.	Other diseases of respiratory system	..	..	2	1
27.	Peptic Ulcer	..	..	2	2
28.	Appendicitis	..	..	—	1
29.	Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	..	..	1	—
30.	Other diseases of digestive system	..	..	—	1
31.	Nephritis and nephrosis	..	..	1	1
32.	Other disease of genito-urinary system	..	..	1	1
33.	Congenital anomalies	..	..	1	3
34.	Other causes of perinatal conditions	..	..	1	—
35.	Motor vehicle accidents	..	..	—	1
36.	All other Accidents	..	..	3	5
37.	Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	..	..	1	—
Deaths in infants under 1 year of age :				4	3
Legitimate				4	3
Illegitimate				—	—
TOTAL BIRTHS				156	127
Legitimate				148	114
Illegitimate				8	13
STILL BIRTHS				3	4
Legitimate				3	4
Illegitimate				—	—
TOTAL				3	4

Estimated population 1970 for birth and death rates, 22,350.

TABLE III.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Quarterly Births</i>
January ..	1	—	1	2
February ..	—	—	—	
March ..	1	—	1	
April ..	—	—	—	
May ..	—	2	2	4
June ..	1	1	2	
July ..	—	1	1	
August ..	2	1	3	
September ..	2	—	2	6
October ..	—	1	1	
November ..	—	1	1	
December ..	3	—	3	
<i>Total</i> ..	10	7	17	17
Inward Transferable Births ..	146	120	266	
Grand Total for 1970 ..	156	127	283	

Showing the number of births registered in the Abertillery Urban Area during 1970, according to sex, month, and quarter of occurrence together with inward transferable births.

TABLE IV. Showing the infant deaths (*i.e.*, deaths in infants under 1 year of age) assigned to this district during 1970, by cause and in age groups.

<i>Cause of Death</i>	<i>Under 1 week</i>	<i>1—2 weeks</i>	<i>2—3 weeks</i>	<i>3—4 weeks</i>	<i>Total under 1 month</i>	<i>1—3 months</i>	<i>3—6 months</i>	<i>6—9 months</i>	<i>9—12 months</i>	<i>Total deaths under 1 year</i>
Congenital Malformation ..	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	2
Pneumonia		—	1	—	1	—	—		—	1
Influenza		—	—	—		1	—	—	—	1
Other Accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Other causes	—	1	—		1	—	—	—	—	1
Perinatal Mortality										
Total ..	—	1	2	1	4	1	2	—	—	7

TABLE V

Analysis of Infectious Diseases in this District during 1970. Showing Age/Sex distribution of the cases of Infectious Diseases notified in the District in 1970 also showing Admission of same to Hospital.

Disease	Under 1 year				1-		2-		3-		4-		5-		10-		15-		25-		35-		45-		65 years and upwards				All Ages		Total	
	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	1	3	16	17	22	18	19	19	27	35	52	52	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis Respiratory	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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There were 4 inquests during the year.

The circumstances of the deaths are analysed and are as follows :—

				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Hyperthermia	..	..	..	—	1	1
Poisoning	..	..	..	—	1	1
Asphyxia	..	..	..	—	1	1
Potassium Deficiency (Overdose)	..			—	1	1
		<b>Total</b>	..	—	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

There were 30 P.M.'s without Inquest during the year.

Cerebral Disease	..	..	..	2	2	4
Coronary Disease	..	..	..	11	4	15
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	..			1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung	..			2	—	2
Bronchitis	..	..	..	2	2	4
Peptic Ulcer	..	..	..	—	1	1
Bronchol Pneumonia	..	..	..	—	1	1
Bacterial Endocarditis	..	..		1	—	1
		<b>Total</b>	..	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30</b>

### **Zymotic Diseases.**

Table No. V shows the notifiable diseases which were notified in the area during 1970.

#### **Scarlet Fever.**

5 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year.

#### **Measles.**

286 cases of Measles were notified during the year.

TABLE VI.

Showing notification of T.B. classified by age groups for the year 1970.

	PULMONARY			NON-PULMONARY			TOTAL
	Ages			Ages			
	Under 25	25 - 50	Over 50	Under 25	25 - 50	Over 50	
Males	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
Females	2	2	2	—	—	—	6
Total ..	2	2	4	—	—	—	8

TABLE VII.

Year	Yearly Notification of Tuberculosis.				Total Yearly Cases of Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary T.B.	Deaths from Tuberculosis				Total Yearly Deaths from Tuberculosis
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		
	Males	Females	Males	Females		Males	Females	Males	Females	
1962	4	—	2	—	6	2	1	—	—	3
1963	6	1	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—
1964	1	1	—	2	4	3	—	—	—	3
1965	3	1	1	1	6	—	—	—	—	—
1966	2	—	—	1	3	1	—	—	—	1
1967	3	2	—	—	5	1	—	—	1	2
1968	3	—	—	—	5	1	—	—	—	1
1969	3	1	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	1
1970	6	2	—	—	8	2	—	—	—	2

TABLE VIII. Showing the admissions and discharges to institutions for the treatment of Tuberculosis during 1970.

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Admissions</i>		<i>Discharges</i>	
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>
South Wales Sanatorium, Talgarth .	—	3	—	1
Sully ... ..	—	1	—	—
Cefn Mably... ..	1	—	—	—
Glan Ely ... ..	—	—	—	—
Gelli-Gaer ... ..	—	—	—	—
St. Woolos .. ..	1	—	—	—
	2	4	—	1

All cases of suspected Tuberculosis are seen at the Chest Clinic run by the Regional Hospital Board.



## Meteorological Records.

### SUMMARY OF DAILY RECORDS TAKEN AT NEW CEMETERY AND THE PARK, 1970.

<i>Month</i>	<i>The Park</i>			
	<i>m.m.</i>	<i>Rain Days</i>	<i>Temperature ° C</i>	
			<i>Highest</i>	<i>Lowest</i>
January ..	296.00	23	9.9	-8.8
February ..	149.10	20	10.0	-6.1
March ..	56.17	17	10.5	-5.5
April ..	88.10	18	14.4	0.0
May ..	34.90	6	23.3	1.1
June ..	54.46	11	28.8	4.4
July ..	86.39	15	29.4	3.8
August ..	90.02	13	27.2	2.7
September ..	102.70	9	25.5	3.3
October ..	100.78	16	19.4	.5
November ..	243.11	23	15.0	0.0
December ..	56.89	14	12.7	-5.0

Total m.m. for year, 1358.62    Rain days, 185.

Highest Temperature for Year, 29.4° C.

Lowest Temperature for Year, -8.8° C.

## GWENT WATER BOARD

### WATER SUPPLY

“Under the Gwent Water Board Order 1969, the former Abertillery and District Water Board relinquished their duties as the Statutory Water Authority for this Area from April 1st, 1970.

A Contract, already in progress for major works involving intake and supply alterations at Cwmtillery Reservoir, has continued and the majority of the work to be carried out under this Contract has been completed.

During the progress of this work it was necessary to make temporary supply arrangements which caused complaints of “dirty water” to be common in the area.

The only satisfactory solution to this problem will be the construction of new Treatment Works and a complete mains cleaning programme where deposits have accumulated over many years.

The Board are fully aware of this problem and following the completion of the present Contract, aim to design and construct a new Treatment Works at this Reservoir.

It should be noted that constant care is taken that supply is bacteriologically satisfactory and that Consumers need have no fears regarding the safety of the supply.

The total rainfall for the year ending 31st March, 1971 was 53.22 ins. — the highest precipitation occurred on 6th November, 1970 when 1.81 ins. was recorded in 24 hours.”

I acknowledge with thanks the above report from Mr. A. E. Guild, B.Sc., F.Inst.C.E., Engineer and Manager of the Gwent Water Board.

May, 1971.

## WESTERN VALLEYS (MON.) SEWERAGE BOARD

"The Western Valleys (Mon.) Sewerage Board was constituted by Private Act in 1903 and now comprises eight Constituent Local Authorities which are Urban District Councils in the Western and Sirhowy Valleys of Monmouthshire. Sewerage is also accepted from part of the County Borough of Newport and part of the Magor and St. Mellons Rural District.

The area comprises three steep sided valleys of Monmouthshire approximately 24 miles long by 5 miles wide. The drainage area is approximately 51,000 acres in extent and is served by a main trunk sewer which discharges after storage to the Severn Estuary at St. Brides, Wentlooge, two miles east of the River Usk. From the commencement at Brynmawr, the sewer falls 1,248 feet to its outfall point. The design population was 200,000 and the present population served is 154,570. The original main trunk sewer was constructed in 1906/1908 and comprises 51 miles of sewer varying from 60 ins. diameter to 9 ins. diameter. Its construction is mainly brick with short lengths of steel and stoneware. The final cost of the original works in 1910 was £313,400. The sewer discharges into a 3 m.g. 11 ft. diameter storage tank at Cardiff Road and is released twice in 24 hours, discharges commencing  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours before high water and terminating at half ebb 3.20 hours after high water.

In 1968 the lower 10 miles of the valley was provided with a duplicate sewer of mainly concrete pipes discharging through a Comminutor Chamber in which two Comminutors macerate sewage. Two additional storage tanks rectangular in section of reinforced concrete were also constructed with a capacity of 5 m.g. The total cost was £1,833,500.

The original sewer was designed for 6 x D.W.F. which amounted to 120 g.h.d. The new section has been designed at 340 g.h.d. Future schemes will be designed at 430 g.h.d. in accordance with the Report on Storm Overflows.

The Board is awaiting a further report on future requirements and it is anticipated that the remaining 40 miles will need duplication and/or replacing during the next 10 years."

I acknowledge with thanks the above report from Mr. O. Parry Morgan, C.Eng., F.I.Mun.E., M.R.S.H., Engineer to the Western Valleys (Mon.) Sewerage Board.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Public Health Inspectors and other Departments of the Council for their willing co-operation during the year.

Yours obediently,

J. WALTERS BOWEN,

*Medical Officer of Health.*



Abertillery  
Urban District Council.

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Senior Public Health Inspector's

R E P O R T

For the Year

1970

Public Health Department,  
Council Offices,  
Alexandra Road,  
Abertillery, Mon.

The following is my report on work carried out by the Department for the year ending December 31st, 1970.



## The Sanitary Administration and Conditions for the year 1970

The following tables show particulars of the work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors :—

Visits to Animals, etc., kept :—

Piggeries .. .. .	29
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Complaints :—

Total number investigated (all premises) .. .. .	728
Common Lodging House .. .. .	19

Dairies :—

Premises examined .. .. .	21
Number of Purveyors' vehicles .. .. .	13

Drainage :—

Number of main or branch drains smoke tested . . . . .	58
"    "    "    "    "    "    "    colour tested .. .. .	72
"    "    "    "    "    "    "    found defective .. .. .	49
"    "    "    "    "    "    "    re-constructed .. .. .	36
Visits to works in progress .. .. .	65

Dwelling Houses :—

Number inspected <i>re</i> complaint of nuisance .. .. .	614
Number of re-inspections .. .. .	506
Number inspected <i>re</i> overcrowding .. .. .	56
Inspections Housing Act 1957 .. .. .	199
Re Inspection Housing Act 1957 .. .. .	184
No. of Inspections under Rent Act 1957 .. .. .	—
Interviews with Owners and Tenants .. .. .	342
"    "    Tradesmen .. .. .	128

Licensed Houses, Cafes, etc. examined *re* urinals, and W.C's, etc. 68

Miscellaneous Visits :—

Visits not otherwise classified and other works in progress	157
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Offensive Trade premises .. .. . 3

Public Conveniences :—

Number of inspections .. .. .	36
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Amusement premises .. .. . 2

The nuisances were :—

Defective Roofs, troughing, down-pipes, etc. .. .. .	101
Defective Window-frames, doors, etc. .. .. .	39
Defective or insufficient yard paving .. .. .	7
Damp or Defective Walls, external .. .. .	43
Choked or defective drainage .. .. .	59
Insufficient W.C. and slop-water drainage .. .. .	5
Defective and insufficient closet accommodation .. .. .	23

Defective and insufficient water supply	..	..	..	..	4
Miscellaneous nuisances	..	..	..	..	83
Defective ceilings	..	..	..	..	41
Defective walls (internal)	..	..	..	..	52
Defective floors	..	..	..	..	23
Defective waste pipes	..	..	..	..	17

Many and varied were the nuisances discovered. In some cases the owners and occupiers were interviewed and the nuisances abated at once, and in other cases legal notices were served.

## Foods.

### MILK SUPPLY.

Number of persons registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1950.

Number on Register in 1970	..	..	..	..	14
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The number of inspections made last year was 21 and Vehicles 13  
From 1st January, 1960, the issue of licences to sell graded milks was taken over by the Monmouthshire County Council.

### ICE CREAM.

Number of premises registered during the year	..	..	..	3
Number of premises registered	..	..	..	88
Number of registered persons producing	..	..	..	—
Number of inspections of premises and vehicles	..	..	..	41



## MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The following particulars show the amount of attention given to securing a wholesome supply of food.

Visits to Premises :—

Premises where food is prepared, sold or exposed for sale ..	229
Fried fish and chip shops .. .. .	31
Bakehouses .. .. .	24
Premises registered for the preparation of food ..	87
Cafes and Hotels .. .. .	68
Market .. .. .	4

## STORES AND VEHICLES.

Attention is being given to the cleanliness of vehicles, wrappers, etc., used for bringing meat into the district and for conveying meat to the shops, and the conditions are satisfactory within existing Law.

The men who handle such meat are compelled to wear clean overalls.

There is no public abattoir.

## FRIED FISH AND CHIP SHOPS.

There are 9 registered shops in the area which are kept in a satisfactory condition.

31 inspections of these premises were carried out.

## OTHER FOODS.

Meat, fish and fruit shops are regularly visited, and the food exposed for sale or stored is examined.

Pork butchers' premises, where sausage meat and small goods are prepared, receive great and constant attention.

Bakehouses are regularly inspected, and the sanitary conditions are noted and dealt with as required.

No cases of food poisoning were confirmed in the district during 1970.

The Sale of Food and Drugs Act is administered by the Monmouthshire County Council.

## Summary of Foodstuffs Condemned, 1970

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Weight</i>
112 tins	Fruit Juice	
27 "	Cream	
187 "	Fruit	
263 "	Soup	
2 "	Grilling Mushrooms	
31 "	Casserole Steak	
336 "	Peas	
114 "	Milk	
74 "	Rice	
69 "	Pie Filling	
19 "	Ham Morney	
222 "	Beans	
54 "	Tomatoes	
10 "	Butter Beans	
81 "	Baby Food	
16 "	Minced Steak	
27 "	Irish Stew	
15 "	Potatoes	
42 "	Salmon	
3 "	Macaroni	
14 "	Lambs Tongues	
2 "	Spaghetti Bolognese	
34 "	Minced Beef Loaf	
2 "	Ravioli	
9 "	Steak & Kidney Pie	
49 "	Carrots	
8 "	Faggots & Peas	
41 "	Sausage & Beans	
39 "	Spaghetti	
4 "	Pilchards	
1 tin	Brawn	
1 "	Hamburgers	
1 "	Chicken & Mushroom	

# Summary of Foodstuffs Condemned—*contd.*

<i>No.</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Weight</i>
<b>Frozen Foods—</b>		
3 tins	Kipper Fillets	
5 „	Beef Curry	
7 „	Fruit & Honey Breakfast	
6 „	Mixed Veg.	
2 „	Treacle Pudding	
1 tin	Caroos Apple	
15 tins	Chipped Potatoes	
10 jars	Pickle Onions	
96 cartons	Yogurt	
4 „	Cottage Cheese	
68 packets	Butter Milk	
	Half Coated Caramels ... ..	166½ lbs. 0 ozs.
	Half Coated Fingers ... ..	170½ lbs. 0 ozs.
	Half Coated Mint Fingers ... ..	166½ lbs. 0 ozs.
	Lambs Liver ... ..	2 lbs. 0 ozs.
3 tins	Jellied Veal ... ..	3 lbs. 12 ozs.
	Rump Steak ... ..	7 lbs. 0 ozs.
1 tin	Pork ... ..	8 ozs.
	Chicken ... ..	91 lbs. 8 ozs.
	Rabbit ... ..	30 lbs. 0 ozs.
3 tins	Beef Loaf ... ..	2 lbs. 4 ozs.
8 „	Tongue ... ..	21 lbs. 2 ozs.
3 „	Ham ... ..	13 lbs. 0 ozs.
2 „	Pork Loin ... ..	12 lbs. 0 ozs.
8 „	Luncheon Meat ... ..	3 lbs. 0 ozs.
10 „	Chopped Ham ... ..	8 lbs. 7 ozs.
3 „	Ox Tongue ... ..	6 lbs. 0 ozs.
10 „	Ham & Chicken Roll ... ..	13 lbs. 8 ozs.
74 „	Corned Beef ... ..	53 lbs. 7 ozs.
48 „	Chopped Pork ... ..	17 lbs. 2 ozs.
	Sausage ... ..	1 lbs. 0 ozs.
2 bottles	Orange Squash	

## Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—		
Total	.. .. .	216
1. Inspection of Dwelling houses during the year:—		
(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts .. .. .	272
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	333
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-heading (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925-1957 .. .. .	199
(b)	Number of inspections made for that purpose ..	383
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious as to be unfit for human habitation . . . . .	101
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under previous sub-headings) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .. .. .	89
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice —		
	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers .. .. .	22
3. <i>Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.</i>		
(a)	Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957.	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .. .. .	—
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a)	By owners .. .. .	—
(b)	By local authority in default of owners .. .. .	—

## HOUSING—cont.

(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	73
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a)	By owners .. .. .	42
(b)	By local authority in default of owners .. ..	3
(c)	By local authority by agreement .. .. .	8
(c)	Proceedings under Sections 16 (1–4), 17 (1), 19, 21, 23 and 35 (1) (2) Housing Act, 1957,	
(1)	Number of representations made to the Local Authority in respect of unfit dwelling-houses ..	9
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition Orders were made .. ..	12
	Number of houses demolished as a result of formal action .. .. .	23
	Number of houses demolished as a result of informal action .. .. .	52
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which closing orders were made .. .. .	3
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders .. .. .	3
(5)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were revoked .. .. .	0
(d)	Proceedings under Section 18 & 27 of the Housing Act, 1957:—	
(1)	Number of representations made to the local authority in respect of parts of dwelling-houses or underground rooms .. .. .	11
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of parts of which Closing Orders were made .. .. .	11

## Housing, 1970.

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF HOUSES OWNED BY  
ABERTILLERY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL AT 31/12/70

	<i>Temp. Pre-fabs</i>	<i>Perm. Pre-fabs</i>	<i>Traditional</i>	TOTAL
*No of houses owned by Local Authority on 31/12/70 (including Flats) ... ..	41	300	1133	1474
No. of houses in course of erection on 31/12/70 ...	—	—	52	52
No. of houses for which sanction had been given, but which had not been commenced on 31/12/70 ..	—	—	—	—
†By Local Authority ... ..	—	—	213	213
†By Private Enterprise ... ..	—	—	3	3
TOTAL ... ..	—	—	216	216

\*Showing the number of Houses owned by Abertillery Urban District Council at 31/12/70.

†Showing the number of Houses erected by the Abertillery Urban District Council and by Private Enterprise during 1970

**House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959  
and Housing Act, 1964.**

**Grants for Conversion or Improvement  
of Housing Accommodation.**

**Conversions.**

No. of Applications received	...	...	4
No. of Applications approved	...	...	4
Amount paid ... ..	...	...	—

**Improvements.**

No. of Applications received	...	...	27
No. of Applications approved	...	...	25
Amount of Grants paid ... ..	...	...	£7,801

**Standard Grants For Improvement of Dwellings.**

No. of Applications received	...	...	65
No. of Applications approved	...	...	50
Amount of Grants paid ..	...	...	£3,997

**Mon. County Council Act, 1956.**

Registration of Hairdressers and Barbers.

During the year 5 inspections were carried out.

**Public Health Act, 1961, Section 17  
and Mon. County Council Act, 1956, Section 79.**

Summary powers to remedy stopped drainage.

No. of Notices served—8

Executed in default —6



## REGISTERED FACTORIES.

### Factories without Mechanical Power :—

Radio and Electrical repairs..	..	..	..	..	2
					—
Total	..	..	..	..	2

### Factories with Mechanical Power :—

Bake-houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Brewers	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Motor repairers	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Carpentry and Joinery	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Undertakers	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Sausage and Cooked Meats..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Glove Making	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Industrial Gloves	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Iron Foundries	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Printing Works	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Manufacturing Chemists	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Lampshade Making and Pen Making	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Engineering Workshops	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Omnibus maintenance and repair	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Works of Engineering and Building Construction	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Clothing Manufacturer	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Soft Toy Manufacture	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
							—
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	56

# **Factory Act, 1937.**

1. Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

<i>Premises</i>	<i>Number on Register</i>	<i>Number of</i>		<i>Occupier Prosecuted</i>
		<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Written Notices</i>	
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 enforced by Local Authority ..	2	11	—	—
(2) Factories not inc. in (1) to which Section 7 is enforced by the local Authority	52	64	1	—
(3) Other premises under the Act (excluding outworkers' premises) ..	4	4	—	—
TOTAL .. ..	58	79	1	—

## 2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES.

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Number of Defects</i>			<i>Number of Prosecutions</i>
	<i>Found</i>	<i>Remedied</i>	<i>Referred by H.M. Insp.</i>	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) .. .. .	2	2	—	—
Want of ventilation (S.4) .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Want of drainage of floors (S.6) .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Sanitary accommodation { insufficient	—	—	—	—
{ unsuitable or defective	1	1	—	—
{ not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Outwork) .. .. .	—	—	—	—
TOTAL .. .. .	3	3	—	—

**Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.**  
**ANNUAL REPORT ON RATS AND MICE, 1970**

			Type of Property	
			Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
<b>Properties other than Sewers—</b>				
1	Number of properties in district	...	9018	17
2 (a)	Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	...	610	—
(b)	Number infested by (i) rats	...	151	—
	(ii) mice	...	23	—
3 (a)	Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	...	49	—
(b)	Number infested by (i) rats	...	6	—
	(ii) mice	...	1	—
<b>Sewers—</b>				
4	Were any sewers infested by rats during the year ...	...	Yes	

# OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

TABLE A. REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

## TOTALS

(1) Class of premises	(2) Number of premises registered during the year	(3) Total number of registered premises at end of year	(4) Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices ...	—	28	3
Retail Shops ...	3	106	62
Wholesale shops, warehouses ...	—	6	5
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	—	10	6
Fuel storage depots ...	—	—	—

TABLE B. NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES.

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TABLE C. ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE.

Class of Workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices ...	253
Retail Shops ...	484
Wholesale departments, warehouses ...	62
Catering establishments open to the public	40
Canteens ...	—
Fuel storage depots ...	—
Total	839
Total Males	286
Total Females	553

TABLE D. EXEMPTIONS.

M/c Line No.	Class of workplace  (1)	No. of exemptions current at 31st Dec. (2)	No. of exemptions granted or extended during year (3)	No. of appli- cations refused or exemptions withdrawn during year (4)	No. of cases in cols. (3) and (4) where employees opposed application (5)	Appeals to Court against refusal to grant or extend an exemption or against the withdrawal of an exemption	
						No. made (6)	No. allowed (7)
Part I—Space (Sec. 5(2))							
1	Offices ...	N I L	N I L	N I L	N I L	N I L	T I N
2	Retail shops ...						
3	Wholesale shops, warehouses ...						
4	Catering establishments open to public, canteens ...						
5	Fuel storage depots ...						
Part II—Temperature (Sec. 6)							
11	Offices ...	N I L	N I L	N I L	N I L	N I L	N I L
12	Retail shops ...						
13	Wholesale shops, warehouses ...						
14	Catering establishments open to public, canteens ...						
15	Fuel storage depots ...						

TABLE D. EXEMPTIONS—Continued.

M/c Line No.	Class of premises (1)	No. of exemptions current at 31st Dec. (2)	No. of exemptions granted or extended during year (3)	No. of appli- cations refused or exemptions withdrawn during year (4)	No. of cases in cols. (3) and (4) where employees opposed application (5)	Appeals to Court against refusal to grant or extend an exemption or against the withdrawal of an exemption	
						No. made (6)	No. allowed (7)
Part III—Sanitary Conveniences (Sec. 9)							
21	Offices ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
22	Retail shops ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	Wholesale shops, warehouses ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
24	Catering establishments open to public, canteens ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	Fuel storage depots ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Part IV—Washing Facilities (Sec. 10)							
31	Offices ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
32	Retail Shops ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
33	Wholesale shops, warehouses ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
34	Catering establishments open to public canteens ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	Fuel storage depots ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...



TABLE E. PROSECUTIONS.

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in the year

Section of Act or title of Regulation or Order	No. of persons or companies prosecuted	No. of informations laid	No. of informations leading to a conviction
N I L	N I L	N I L	N I L
No. of complaints (or summary applications) made under section 22 ...			
—			
No. of interim orders granted ...			
—			

TABLE F. INSPECTORS.

No. of inspectors appointed under  
Section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act ... 1

No. of other staff employed for  
most of their time on work in  
connection with the Act ... —

In conclusion, I wish to thank all Departments of the Council for their willing co-operation during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. A. PARRY,  
Senior Inspector.





